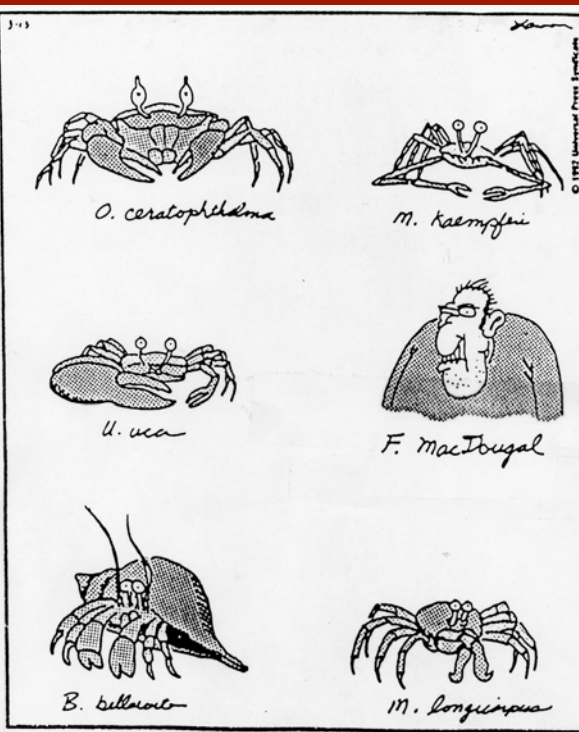


# Some of our common crabs.....



**The Dungeness Crab**

(*Cancer magister*): Carapace width can reach up to ~22cm and they live up to ~10 years!



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**The Red Rock**

(*Cancer productus*): Carapace width can reach up to ~20cm. These stocky crabs are also harvested for food, but not as much as the revered Dungeness.



**The Pygmy Rock Crab**

(*Cancer oregonensis*): Carapace width only reaches ~5cm. These little guys can be found in the intertidal as well as clinging to pilings on the floating docks.



**The Rock Crab**

(*Cancer antennarius*): Carapace width can reach up to ~18cm. Very similar in appearance to The red rock crab but with distinguishing red dots on its underside.



**The Green Shore Crab**

(*Hemigrapsus oregonensis*): Carapace reaches ~5cm. These little crabbies can be distinguished from other closely related crabs from the hairs on their walking legs and their dark green color.



**The Purple Shore Crab**

(*Hemigrapsus nudus*): Carapace reaches ~6cm. They are named for their "nude" legs. They lack the hair that the Green Shore Crab has. Look for dark purple dots on their claws.



**The Lined Shore Crab**

(*Pachygrapsus crassipes*): Carapace reaches ~5cm. This is the most semi-terrestrial of the shore crabs. It is easily distinguished from the others by the distinct lines on its back.



**The Decorator Crab or The Graceful Kelp Crab**

(*Pugettia gracilis*): Carapace reaches ~5cm. These cute little guys like to decorate themselves by attaching a piece of seaweed to their head!



**The Kelp Crab**

(*Pugettia producta*): Carapace width can reach up to ~9cm but its carapace is more long than wide. It is often associated with seaweed, as its name implies.



**The Black-Clawed Crab**

(*Lophopanopeus bellus*): Carapace only reaches ~2.5cm. These tiny guys like to hide under rocks, especially those set on muddy gravel.



**The Blueband Hermit Crab**

(*Pagurus samuelis*): The total body length of these crabs reaches ~4cm. They have a distinct blue band on the tips of some legs and on their claws. For their portable home, they prefer to use Black Turban Snail shells.



**The Porcelain Crab**

(*Petrolisthes eriomerus*): Carapace reaches up to ~2cm. You can tell this crab apart from its closely related cousin by the blue color on its mouth parts and claws.



**The Porcelain Crab**

(*Petrolisthes cinctipies*): Carapace reaches ~3.5cm. This crab has red, not blue, markings. It is also more tolerant to air exposure and is found higher in the intertidal.